

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

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The National Spiritual Assembly
of the Bahá'ís of Azerbaijan

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

The Universal House of Justice received your email letter of 29 December 2007, with which was enclosed your letter dated 12 December 2007, regarding the situation in Nakhichevan. We deeply regret that your letter was inadvertently set aside and that a reply is only now being sent.

The House of Justice was saddened to learn that Mr. Tavakkul Valiyev had once again been arrested and held by the police. If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to proceed with the approach laid out in your letter, that is, to write and visit various entities in the government, providing them with information on the Bahá'í community and its activities, in order to seek their assistance concerning the treatment of Bahá'ís in Nakhichevan. It is noted that this would be done after seeking the professional advice of Professor R. Mustafayev on this issue, and you may indeed have other friends in government circles who could also provide you with valuable suggestions. Kindly keep the House of Justice informed of developments in this regard. You may be assured that it will pray in the Holy Shrines for the success of your efforts to ease the situation of the Bahá'ís in this region and for these dear friends themselves, that Bahá'u'lláh may guide and strengthen them in the path of service to His Cause.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Department of the Secretariat

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